

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant appreciates the time the Examiner took to discuss this application in the Examiner interview of October 16, 2007. In that interview, the scope of the following claim and the art of record were discussed.

A method comprising:

displaying, on a computer display, a question;

displaying, on the computer display, simultaneously with the question, a complete answer to the

question, the complete answer to the question including a first word followed by a second word having m characters followed by a third word, followed by a fourth word having n characters, where m and n are both greater than 1;

simultaneously displaying, on the computer display with the complete answer, a partial answer to the question, the partial answer including the first word and the third word, the partial answer not including the second word or the fourth word; the partial answer including m locations for each of the m characters in the second word, the m locations positioned in the partial answer after the first word in the partial answer and before the third word in the partial answer, the partial answer including n locations for each of the n characters in the fourth word, the n locations positioned in the partial answer after the third word in the partial answer; then

displaying in a first font the m characters of the second word at the m locations in the partial answer; then

receiving a first character from a user, the first character not being equal to the first character of the fourth word, the first character being equal to another character of the fourth word; then not displaying in the first font any of the n characters of the fourth word in any of the n locations of the partial answer;

receiving a second character from the user, the second character received from the user being equal to the first character of the fourth word; then

displaying in the first font the first character of the fourth word at the first of the n locations in the partial answer.

The Examiner agreed that the above claim was allowable over the art of record. However, the Examiner stated that he would perform an additional search before allowing the above claim.

As Applicant may not be able to file a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") as a result of the new USPTO continuation rules, Applicant requested an Examiner interview after the Examiner has completed his prior art search but before the Examiner issues any new office action. The Examiner agreed to such an interview.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his assistance with this application.

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the specification of the application so that all trademarks are capitalized and are accompanied by generic terminology. In addition, Applicant has amended the specification to correct several other typographical errors.

Applicant has canceled all pending claims and added new independent claims 38 and 65. In addition, Applicant has added dependent claims 39 – 64, and 66 – 74.

Independent claim 38 requires simultaneously displaying on a computer screen a question, and a complete answer. The complete answer includes a first word, a second word, a third word, and a fourth word. The second word has m characters and the fourth word has n characters. For example, as shown in Figure 9 of the pending application, the question could be “Who was the first President?” Similarly, as shown in Figure 9, the complete answer to the question could be “The **first** President was **George Washington**.”

Claim 38 also requires simultaneously displaying a partial answer to the question. The partial answer includes the first word and the third word. However, the partial answer to the question does not initially include the second and the fourth words. Instead, m locations are provided in the partial answer for the second word and n locations are provided in the partial answer for the fourth word. Again as shown in Figure 9, the partial answer to the question could be “The _____ President was _____.”

After displaying the above-discussed question, complete answer, and the partial answer, claim 38 requires displaying in a first font the m characters of the second word at the m locations in the partial answer. Thus, as shown in Figure 10, the partial answer could then be “The **first** President was _____.”

Then, after displaying the m characters of the second word, claim 38 requires receiving a first character from a user. This character is not equal to the first character of the fourth word. However, the first character is equal to another character of the fourth word. Thus, if “George” is the fourth word, then the character would not be equal to “G” but could be equal to “e”. After receiving the first character, none of the characters of the fourth word are displayed in the first font in any of the n locations of the partial answer. Thus, in the example discussed above, the “e” would not be displayed in the first font in the second or the fifth of the n locations of the partial answer.

Claim 38 then requires receiving a second character from the user. This character is equal to the first character of the fourth word. In the above example, that character would be “G”. After receiving the second character, the second character would be displayed in the first of the n locations in the partial answer.

Independent claim 65 is similar to independent claim 38 except the first word of claim 38 is not claimed. Instead, the second word of claim 38 is equal to the first word of claim 65. Similarly the third word of claim 38 is equal to the second word of claim 65 and the fourth word of claim 38 is equal to the third word of claim 65.

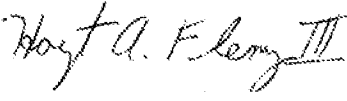
As discussed in the Examiner interview, Applicant and the Examiner agreed that the art of record does not disclose the above methods.

As Applicant may not be able to file a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) as a result of the new USPTO continuation rules, Applicant requests an Examiner interview after Examiner has completed his prior art search but before the Examiner issues any office action. Again, Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing to such an interview during the interview of October 16, 2007.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Hoyt A. Fleming III
Registration No. 41,752

Date: October 18, 2007

Address correspondence to: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> <i>Customer Number or Bar Code Label</i> 28422	or <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Correspondence Address Below</i> Park, Vaughan & Fleming LLP P.O. Box 140678 Boise, ID 83714	Direct telephone calls to: Hoyt A. Fleming III (208) 336-5237
--	---	--